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WASHINGTON, September 6, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 1 totaled 348,123, down 1.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1989 but 1.0 percent above the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 0.7 percent in the West and 2.4 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, loadings of metallic ores were down 3,434 cars (16.1 percent), while loadings of crushed stone, sand and gravel were down 1,802 cars (9.9 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 35 weeks of 1990 totaled 11,829,640, up 1.2 percent from the comparable period of 1989.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 124,703 trailers and/or containers for the week ended September 1, up 0.2 percent from 1989.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 35 weeks of 1990 was 4,105,675 trailers and/or containers, 3.5 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended September 1 totaled 21.1 billion, up 1.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 35 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 702.6 billion ton-miles, up 4.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1990	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,917	26,737	.7 %	27,535	-2.2 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	935	1,052	-11.1	877	6.6
Metallic Ores	17,840	21,274	-16.1	17,324	3.0
Coal	133,158	133,629	-.4	134,799	-1.2
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,326	18,128	-9.9	16,890	-3.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,573	10,299	-7.0	8,897	7.6
Grain Mill Products	10,554	10,265	2.8	9,941	6.2
Food & Kindred Products	8,811	9,041	-2.5	8,468	4.1
Primary Forest Products	9,967	10,458	-4.7	9,670	3.1
Lumber & Wood Products	6,631	7,170	-7.5	6,209	6.8
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,714	11,118	-3.6	9,775	9.6
Chemicals	29,414	29,471	-.2	28,927	1.7
Petroleum Products	5,625	5,291	6.3	5,576	.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,683	11,075	-3.5	10,369	3.0
Coke	6,066	5,401	12.3	5,946	2.0
Metals & Products	10,944	10,648	2.8	10,465	4.6
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,611	17,403	1.2	17,039	3.4
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,873	8,340	6.4	9,044	-1.9
All Other Carloads	7,481	7,027	6.5	6,765	10.6
Total	**348,123**	**353,827**	**-1.6 %**	**344,516**	**1.0 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 35 WEEKS ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**348,123**	**353,827**	**-1.6 %**	**11,829,640**	**11,694,617**	**1.2 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	69,442	73,768	-5.9	2,296,159	2,314,039	-.8
Containers	55,261	50,722	8.9	1,809,516	1,653,409	9.4
Total	**124,703**	**124,490**	**.2**	**4,105,675**	**3,967,448**	**3.5**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**21.1**	**20.7**	**1.9 %**	**702.6**	**675.0**	**4.1 %**

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